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2.	<b>FRCP</b>	26(f	) Conference

Pursuant to FRCP 26(f) and LR 26-1(d), a telephonic conference was held on August 24, 2023 between Plaintiff's counsel, Paul Shpirt, Esq., Counsel for Defendants Cresta and Najafi, Alan W. Westbrook, Esq., and Counsel for Defendant Penske, Bryan J. Ure, Esq. to formulate this scheduling order.

## 3. Party Discovery Disclosures:

- a. Defendant Penske submitted his disclosures on August 24, 2023.
- b. Plaintiff submitted his disclosures on August 30, 2023.
- c. Defendants Cresta and Najafi will submit their disclosures by September 7, 2023.
- **4. Subjects of Discovery**: The parties agree that the areas of discovery should include, but not be limited to, all claims and defenses allowed pursuant to the FRCP and applicable law.
- **5. Statement Concerning Special Scheduling Review:** Based on the complex nature of the Plaintiff's injuries, liability disputes, and anticipated experts and depositions, the parties have agreed to propose an extended schedule and propose the following discovery plan:
  - a. Discovery Cut-Off [LR 26-1(b)(1)]: the parties propose that discovery end Friday,
     February 23, 2024, which is the first weekday 180 days from the FRCP 26(f) conference.
  - b. **Amending the Pleading or Adding Parties**: the deadline to amend pleadings or add parties shall be no later than **Friday, November 24, 2023**, which is 90 days before the close of discovery.

## c. FRCP 26(a)(2) Expert Disclosures:

- Expert disclosures shall be made no later than Friday, December 22, 2023, which is the first weekday 60 days prior to the discovery cutoff date;
- ii. Rebuttal Expert disclosures shall be made no later than Monday, January 22,2024, which is 30 days after expert disclosures;
- d. Dispositive Motions: Any dispositive motions shall be filed by Friday, March 25,
  2024, which is 30 days after the close of discovery.

6.	Pre-Trial Order: A joint pre-trial order shall be filed by Wednesday, April 24, 2024, which
	is the first weekday 30 days after the dispositive motion deadline. In the event dispositive
	motions are filed, this deadline shall be suspended until thirty days after decision of the
	dispositive motions or further order of the court.

- **7. Alternative Dispute Resolution**: The parties are not requesting a settlement conference at this time.
- **8. Alternative Forms of Case Disposition**: The parties hereby certify that they considered consent to trial by a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. 636(c) and FRP 73 and the use of the Short Trial Program (General Order 2013-01) but chose not to pursue either option.
- **9. Electronic Evidence**. The parties hereby certify that they discussed the use of electronic evidence during trial.
- **10.** Later Appearing Parties: A copy of this discovery plan and scheduling order shall be served on any person served after it is entered or, if additional defendants should appear, within five days of their first appearance. The discovery plan and scheduling order shall apply to such late appearing parties unless the Court, on motion and for good cause shown order otherwise.
- 11. Discovery Phases: The parties do not believe it is necessary to conduct discovery in phases.
- 12. Document Production: All documents produced in this action will be delivered as either hard copy documents or Tagged Image File Format ("TIFF"), Portable Document Format ("PDF"), and compressed digital files (JPEG) images unless the requesting party specifically requests that any responsive electronic documents be produce in native format. If a requesting party seeks metadata regarding an electronically stored document, that party shall specify the request for metadata in the request or by separate request for production.
- 13. Protective Orders for Confidential Documents and/or Information: The parties discussed confidential information and the process for addressing inadvertent disclosure of privileged information. They have agreed to separately prepare a stipulated protective order for the Court's consideration should such need arise.
- **14. Extensions or Modifications of the Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order**: LR 26-3 governs modifications or extensions of this discovery plan and scheduling order. Any